



Troops from 45th Special Troops Battalion, 8th MPs, 8th TSC, conduct a mass casualty drill during the brigade's CPX (held Jan. 26-30) at Area X on Schofield Barracks.

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CPX ensures readiness

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Magua government is overwhelmed by the devastation Hurricane Moylan, a category IV hurricane, caused to the island of Ari'i.

The Islamic Liberation Front, an extremist group, has increased its activities within the island chain in an effort to take advantage of

the instability. Facing riots, protests and looting, the undermanned Magua police are requesting support.

The 8th Military Police Brigade worked through this scenario during its Command Post Exercise (CPX), Jan. 26-30, here, the first of its kind since the unit's last deployment three years ago.

Despite the brigade's decrease in combat

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Feb. 21st outage will last 10 hrs

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Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Directorate of Public Works is reminding those, here, that a 10-hour electrical outage affecting more than 900 homes, plus various businesses and organizations, is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 21.

Electricity is scheduled to be out from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., but could last longer.

The outage affects all of the homes in the Patriot Hamilton and Canby communities, here, said Teresa Brown, property management coordinator at Island Palm Communities.

There are approximately 582 homes in the Patriot Hamilton community and approximately 386 homes in the Canby community.

She added that the outage could inadvertently extend to neighboring communities, which should also be prepared for the outage.

The Schofield Barracks Health Clinic will be closed due to the outage. Those who experience a medical emergency should call 911. Wahiawa General Hospital and Tripler Army Medical Center will be open.

While most restaurants, here, will be closed, the commissary will be open during reduced hours, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., said Brad McMinn, director of the Schofield Commissary.

Those who choose to remain on the installation can pick up ice, ready-made meals (deli sandwiches, rotisserie chicken, etc.), flashlights and candles. He added that the commissary would have been impacted by the outage, but the 249th Engineer Battalion, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, stepped in to provide electricity via generators.

The scheduled outage is part of ongoing efforts to upgrade the Schofield Barracks Castner Substation, which is one of two main electrical substations powering the installation.

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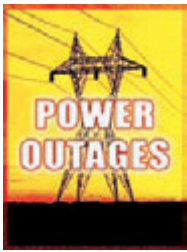
Schofield Outage Locations

The following services will be closed Saturday, Feb. 1, due to the scheduled power outage:

Army Air Force Exchange Service
Car Care Center
Exchange and Food Court
Home Center
Paradise Express
Popeyes/Burger King
Sgt. Smith Theater

Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation
Bennett Child Development Center
Bennett Youth Center
Health and Fitness Center
Leisure Travel Service
Martinez Physical Fitness Center
Nehelani Conference and Banquet Center
Outdoor Recreation Equipment Storage
Outdoor Recreation Complex

Richardson Pool
Schofield Barracks Bowling Center
Sgt. Yano Library
Tennis Courts Office
Tropics
Warren Skills Development Center
Youth Sports Office



Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security
Tropic Lightning Museum

Island Palm Communities
Canby Community
Patriot Hamilton Community

Logistics Readiness Center
Bronco Café Dining Facility
Warrior Inn Dining Facility

Schofield Barracks Health Clinic
Acute Care Clinic
Laboratory
Pharmacy
Radiology

45th Sust. reassumes logistics mission after Afghan deployment

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8th Theater Sustainment Command

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The 45th Sustainment Brigade uncased its headquarters colors, Feb. 4, symbolizing reintegration from its Afghanistan deployment and reuniting all of the unit's elements under one brigade flag for the first time in more than four years.

During the ceremony, the headquarters reassumed command of two battalions, the 45th Special Troops Battalion and the 524th Combat Sust. Support Bn., after its seven-month deployment as the Central Command (CENTCOM) Materiel Recovery Element (CMRE) in Afghanistan.

"This is truly a historic day for our unit," said Col. Gregory Boyd, the 45th's commander. "These Soldiers have answered our nation's call to support combat and sustainment operations in Iraq and Afghanistan over the past 12 years. This is the first time our unit has stood together on any field since 2011."

While deployed, the 45th was the final brigade to headquarter the CMRE mission charged with sorting, tracking and recovering all U.S. military equipment scattered throughout Afghanistan, an operational area roughly the size of the state of Texas. The mission was a first for the sustainment brigade, which has deployed multiple times for support operations to Afghanistan and Iraq, but never as a CMRE unit.

The troops returned to their families in December, and now transition their focus back to serving as the primary sustainment brigade for the Pacific theater.

"Today's ceremony is not about me or Command Sgt. Maj. Dana Mason Jr.," Boyd said. "It's about the Lightning Support 'ohana' and the Soldiers on the field to your front."

While the brigade's headquarters element was deployed, the 8th Military Police Bde. provided command and control of the two battalions as they continued their sustainment operations supporting the Pacific.



Sgt. 1st Class Sean Riley, 45th Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs

Col. Gregory Boyd, 45th Sust. Bde. commander, addresses the crowd during an uncasing ceremony on Hamilton Field at Schofield Barracks, Feb. 4. A portion of the brigade returned from Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, in December 2014, after completing the CMRE mission.



JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR HICKAM — The first six OH-59 Kiowa Warrior helicopters fly through the hazy morning air en route to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Feb. 9. The Kiowas are being retired from the U.S. Army inventory, and the 25 belonging to the 2-6th Cav. Regt., 25th CAB, were brought here to be prepared for shipping to the mainland.

25th CAB says 'aloha' Kiowa

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25th Infantry Division

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — The wind was blowing hard the morning of Feb. 9, but not hard enough to stop the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade from flying its OH-58 Kiowa Warrior helicopters one final time.

The 25 Kiowas assigned to the 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 25th CAB, were flown from their home, here, to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam where they were prepared to be shipped back to the mainland where they will be retired.

The Army is calling this process "divestment."

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Police Call

Parking regs will continue to be enforced

COL. DUANE MILLER
Director, Emergency Services, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, and Commander, 8th Military Police Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command

As every member of our community can attest, the limited nature of vehicle parking on the island of Oahu can be frustrating.

The U.S. Army-Hawaii (USARHAW) community is no exception.

Whether you are attempting to visit the Fort Shafter post exchange, shop at the Schofield Barracks Commissary, or any other location on our installations, one thing is clear: Finding a safe and convenient place to park can be difficult.

The Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) is committed to the enforcement of the parking regulations on US-ARHAW, emphasizing the importance of safety and respect that comes with the responsibility of operating a motor vehicle in our community.

With an emphasis on safety, good order and discipline, our Military Police and Department of the Army civilian police consistently enforce the parking regulations throughout USARHAW.

Parking infractions remain a constant concern, because they result in unsafe conditions and affect all the members of our community. When a vehicle is parked outside of designated areas, fire lanes can be blocked, traffic flow may be impeded and delays can form – all of which impact emergency response and good order on our streets.

The Provost Marshal Office sends

Armed Forces Traffic Tickets, DD 1408s, directly to the sponsor’s unit commander whenever someone has committed a parking infraction. These notifications can lead to an adverse impact on a Soldier’s career for a violation that is completely avoidable.



Miller

In the last three months on Fort Shafter, Tripler, Aliamanu Military Reservation and Red Hill, there have been 19 instances of parking in no parking zones, nine cases of parking outside of a stall and four cases of parking in a seeded area.

On Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Airfield and Helemano Military Reservation there have been 121 cases of parking infractions over the last six months, most of which have been in major public areas.

In the next few months, USARHAW Regulation 190-5 (U.S. Army-Hawaii Traffic Code) will be updated to introduce monetary fines for parking infractions. A rigorous information campaign is ongoing to educate our community of the inclusion of these fines. These new regulations will help improve the good order and discipline on our installations and create a safer environment for all of our service members and their families.

Please help our community and continue to park your vehicles in the appropriate, designated locations. Your continued efforts help ensure that our emergency response personnel can reach where they are needed quickly and safely.



File photo

MPs hope all will abide by regulations.

By doing the right thing when parking,

you ensure that your fellow community members are afforded the opportunity to move about safely. Each of us has a responsibility to be part of the solution, and I know that every person who lives and works on our installations is making every effort to do so. You all have my thanks.

DES continues to provide top-notch professionalism and dedication to our USARHAW installations. We are committed to ensuring that our community retains its high quality of life, safety and good order, and we are proud to serve.

More Online

For more information on the services and personnel who support this community, visit DES at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/default.htm.



Police Beat Roll Up

From Jan. 20-Feb. 9, the following occurred on USARHAW installations:

Schofield Barracks
9, Domestic disturbances
3, Wrongful damaging of property
13, Larcenies
9, Duty upon striking
2, Assaults

Wheeler

1, Assault

Aliamanu

1, Wrongful damaging of property
1, Larceny

Pililaau

1, Larceny

Violations off post

2, DUI

FOOTSTEPS in FAITH

We can be the life changer we’re called to be

CHAPLAIN ISAAC L. SHUBERT JR.
715th Military Intelligence Battalion
500th MI Brigade

In preparing for life’s challenges, I always rely on a famous poem from my childhood that I can still recite to this day.

This particular poem has helped me to be who I am today.

The poem is called “Invictus” by William Ernest Henley. The theme of the poem is the will to survive in the face of a severe test. This poem truly hits your mind, body and soul.

“Invictus” shows us that we are not perfect. In this life, we are going to have those days when we just want to throw in the towel and give up and accept defeat.

We all go through these times, but I like Henley’s ability to be resilient and say I’m not going to be defeated by life’s challenges, struggles, and ups and downs. I’m going to be strong and persevere, knowing that if I believe in my spirituality and in myself I can accom-



Shubert Jr.

“Out of the night that covers me, black as the pit from pole to pole, I thank whatever gods may be for my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance, I have not winced nor cried aloud. Under the bludgeonings of chance, my head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears, looms but the horror of the shade, and yet, the menace of the years finds, and shall find, me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate, how charged with punishments the scroll.

I am the master of my fate: I am the captain of my soul”

— William Ernest Henley
“Invictus”

plish anything in this life that I put my mind, body and soul to do.

I truly like how he expresses that when adversity presents itself in life, we can’t

allow adversity to conquer our soul. One must be strong and courageous, and be ready to confront problems or issues. Your body may feel broken, but never let

your spirit be easily overtaken by the situation you are facing.

Many times, we get so wrapped up in a problem that we miss the lesson and the blessing in the midst of the storm. Henley encourages us to always keep our head up in the game of life and never bow down when we’re being constantly challenged by the things of this world.

I truly like how he states, “It matters not how strait the gate.”

He is just saying no matter how difficult it is, I still press on, fighting for what I desire to contribute to this life here on earth. I’m in control of the choices I make by my free will and take full responsibility for the consequences and repercussions of my actions. In life, we all are going to face some life-changing situations.

I challenge you this day to take a stance on whatever you are facing, and trust and believe that you are capable of making the right decision. Go forward in this year, 2015, with your head held high, and trust and believe in yourself and your ability to face all the challenges life presents to you through the year.

Be blessed and may heaven shine upon you.

Q: Why does the Hawaii Army Weekly publish courts-martial findings?

A: The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate releases the results of recent courts-martial for publication to inform the community of military justice trends and to deter future misconduct by Soldiers.

Two officers, one enlisted dismissed from service

25TH INFANTRY DIVISION

A first lieutenant (O-2) from Company A, 225th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Stryker Bde. Combat Team, was found guilty of one specification of abusive sexual contact, one specification of violation of a general order or regulation, and one specification of a false official statement. He was sentenced to be reprimanded and to be dismissed from service.

A chief warrant officer 3 (CW3) from B Co., 209th Aviation Spt. Bn., 25th Combat Avn. Bde., was found guilty of one specification of sexual assault and one specification of indecent visual recording. He was sentenced to be reprimanded, to forfeit all pay and allowances, to be con-

finied for three years, and to be dismissed from service.

A sergeant (E-5) from A Battery, 3-7th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd BCT, was found guilty of one specification of absence without leave, one specification of a false official statement, one specification of adultery, and three specifications of violation of a general order or regulation. He was sentenced to be reduced to private first class (E-3), to forfeit \$1,300 pay for two months, to be confined for 150 days, and to hard labor for 60 days without confinement.

A private (E-1) from Headquarters and Headquarters Btry., 2-11th FAR, 2nd



SBCT, was found guilty of one specification of making a false official statement and three specifications of incest. He was sentenced to reduction to private (E-1), two years confinement and a bad conduct discharge.

Federal Convictions. In addition to forfeiture of pay (either adjudged or by operation of law), confinement and a punitive discharge, a Soldier will also have a federal conviction that the Soldier must report when filling out a job application. A federal conviction strips a Soldier of many rights, such as the right to purchase and maintain firearms and voting.

Voices of Ohana

Valentine’s Day is Saturday, Feb. 14.

Question: How do you know you are in love?

Photos by 500th Military Intelligence Brigade



“When you can’t focus on anything but that person’s well-being.”

Spc. Jeffery J. Akers
Signals intelligence analyst, B Co., 715th MI Bn., 500th MI



“You have a great feeling in your heart and a good feeling all over, like a warm and fuzzy feeling.”

Sharon Cofer
Resource management officer, 500th MI



“When you’re ready to trust and support each other, and when that person makes you feel like you have never felt before.”

Pvt. Anthony D. Daniels
Signals intelligence analyst, HHC, 715th MI Bn., 500th MI



“You wake up every morning and you still have butterflies when you kiss your wife goodbye.”

Sgt. Kevin D. Frazier
Imagery analyst, HHD, 500th MI



“When your heart beats fast, and it makes you do things you would not normally do.”

Corinthia K. Lucas
Budget analyst, 500th MI

Quintero assumes responsibility of 516th Sig. Bde.

1ST LT. BRANDY E. ADKINS
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Company, 516th Signal Brigade
311th Signal Command (Theater)

FORT SHAFTER — Under a picture-perfect Hawaiian sky, Command Sgt. Maj. Delia Quintero officially became the enlisted leader of the 516th Signal Brigade during a change of responsibility ceremony on historic Palm Circle, here, Feb. 6.

Quintero assumed responsibility from outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Allen Braswell of the most geographically dispersed Signal Brigade in the U.S. Army.

Spanning 12 time zones, the brigade provides support for units in Hawaii, Alaska, Japan, Okinawa, Guam and Kwajalein Atoll.

The hybrid brigade consists of one Expeditionary Signal Battalion, three forward deployed Strategic Signal Battalions, and one Theater Network Operations and Security Center.

Together, they support the mission of the 311 Sig. Command (Theater), conducting full-spectrum network operations for theater-based LandWarNet communications systems, and enterprise and information services and support for theater forces, intergovernmental, interagency and civil au-



Sgt. Christopher Tabor, 516th Signal Brigade

Command Sgt. Maj. Delia Quintero receives the brigade colors from Col. Cleo Thomas, 516th Sig. Bde. commander, during a change of responsibility ceremony at Palm Circle on Fort Shafter, Feb. 6.

thorities.

The ceremony began with a formation of the troops, and lei were pre-

quarters and Headquarters Company, 516th Sig. Bde. chaplain’s assistant, who gave the invocation, followed by the Presentation of Honors and the Honors to the Nation.

Col. Cleo Thomas, 516th Sig. Bde. commander, shared reflections of his time with Braswell and welcomed Quintero.

“To the Soldiers and civilians of the 516th, I will do my best to continue making this organization better and stronger,” Quintero said. “To the battalion and company command teams, I look forward to working with you all by continuing to invest in our people and developing our organization.”

Quintero moved to the island with her two daughters, after serving as the brigade sergeant major for 4th Bde. Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg.

A native of Los Angeles, California, Quintero has been in the Army for 23 years. She has earned numerous awards and decorations and is a member of the prestigious Sgt. Audie Murphy Club. She holds a bachelor’s degree in Liberal Science with a focus in Psychology.

Quintero said her goals and aspirations as the senior enlisted adviser for

the 516th Sig. Bde. are not just focused on the Soldiers, but on the organization as a whole. She hopes to form a strong team with Thomas, and assist and support his vision of the way ahead for the brigade.

“I will invest in the overall professional and personal growth of our Soldiers and civilians,” said Quintero, “through primary education opportunities and higher learning at every level, because without them, the organization cannot be successful.”

Quintero took over the formation, and the ceremony concluded with the retirement of the colors and the singing of the Signal Corps and the Army Song.

After the ceremony, attendees bid farewell to Braswell and his family as they prepare to depart Hawaii and begin a new chapter in Texas.

“I leave my post feeling certain that I have had a significant and positive effect in the 516th Sig. Bde.,” Braswell said. “I have never ceased to be in awe of the steadfast and loyal commitment of our team. ... Some of the best commissioned officers and NCOs in the Army have found their way right here to this formation.”

A lunch reception was held for Quintero at the Palm Circle gazebo to welcome her to the 516th Sig. ohana.

Army gives 60-day comment period for Makua marine study

U.S. ARMY GARRISON-HAWAII
Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Army is seeking community input during a 60-day public comment period, Feb. 1-April 3, on a study of marine resources near Makua Beach.

The study supplements a 2009 marine resources study and assesses whether military training activities at Makua Military Reservation pose a health risk to area residents who rely on marine resources for food or other purposes.

It was completed in compliance with a 2012 U.S. District Court order.

Comments can be emailed to usaghi.pao.comrel@us.army.mil or mailed to U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, Environmental Division, Attn: Marine Study – Public Comments, 948 Santos Dumont Ave., Schofield Barracks, HI 96857.

Mailed comments must be postmarked no later than April 3.



Spc. Tiffany Fudge, 8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs

Soldiers with the 8th Special Troops Battalion, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, jog along Makua Beach during a command post exercise at Makua Valley in 2012. The U.S. Army is seeking public comment now through April 3 on a marine resources study to determine whether military activities at MMR have affected resources at the beach and surrounding areas.

Points of Contact

For questions, call 656-3089 or send email to usaghi.pao.comrel@us.army.mil.

Comments can also be provided during a public meeting March 5, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Waianae High School.

The study is available online at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/makua; click on “2013 MR Study.”

The study is also available at the Kapolei, Wahiawa, Waialua and Waianae public libraries under the title “Makua Marine Resources Supplemental Study Report, February 2015.”

In consideration of the environment, printed copies are available upon request.

STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS



Spc. Steven Hitchcock, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

LOPBURI, THAILAND — U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, and Royal Thai Army soldiers assigned to the 31st Inf. Regt., Rapid Deployment Force, receive a blessing from a monk inside the the Nong Bua Kao Temple, here, Feb. 3, as part of the annual partnership-building exercise Cobra Gold. See next week’s issue of the “Hawaii Army Weekly” for the full story.



Pfc. Samantha Van Winkle, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

Chaplain (Capt.) Ryan Mortensen, 1-27th Inf. Regt., 2nd SBCT, 25th ID, passes out candy to the children of the Middle Mosque of Lopburi, Feb. 3.



Sgt. Christopher R. Baker, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Charles Flynn, 25th ID commander, accepts a carved wooden unit crest from Col. Pongsak Eamphaya, commander of the Thai Army’s 31st Inf. Regt., during a meeting near Lopburi, Feb 7.

Outage: Tips should help

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The upgrades include replacing four failing transformers, replacing two outdated oil-circuit breakers (which were difficult to source because of their age), replacing damaged air switches and replacing old metering equipment, according to Gregory Hinkle, DPW operations officer.

Hinkle described the work being done at the substation as routine maintenance and said Saturday’s scheduled outage is relatively minor compared to what could happen if the substation were not upgraded and shut down completely.

He added that the maintenance is necessary because of Castner Substation’s age — it was installed in 1944.

The first upgrade to the substation took place in 1996 to replace five transformers, Hinkle said. Another upgrade took place in 2003 to replace one transformer.

Two more major electrical outages are scheduled as part of the work on the Castner Substation, one in March and the other in June.

IPC has the following tips for residents impacted by the outage:

- Open the refrigerator and freezer only when necessary.
- If there is space, freeze gallon jugs of water to help maintain the freezer’s temperature. Be sure to fill the jugs no more than ¾ full to allow for expansion when freezing.
- Have extra ice on hand and a cooler to keep perishable food cold.
- Foods in the freezer will remain frozen for one day provided the door remains shut.
- Foods in the refrigerator will remain unspoiled for up to six hours. Condiments typically last longer unrefrigerated.

Resources

Those still experiencing disruption in electrical services after 6 p.m., Saturday, may call DPW at 656-3272.

For more tips, click on the “Safety and Emergency” tab at hawaiianelectric.com.



File photo

The map shows areas scheduled for the outage on Schofield.

Crisis hotline seeks to save your life

BRENT OTO
Suicide Prevention Program Manager
Army Substance Abuse Program

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — There are two programs that provide personal counseling, assistance and support to Soldiers, veterans and families in need.

If a service member is having relationship problems, financial problems or just needs to talk, he or she can call the toll free hotlines listed below and talk with a licensed counselor or veteran peer.

These programs are for all ranks, gender and all ages with full anonymity to the caller. There is a sense of hope when a caller can speak with someone and try to resolve the problem holistically.



•**Vets4 Warriors**
A veterans resource called “Vets4Warriors” is a national call center that provides confidential peer-to-peer support for active duty service members, National Guard and Reserve members, and their families.

Spouses, parents, siblings or other family members can contact Vets4Warriors if they are concerned about their service member or if they are facing problems of their own.

Vets4Warriors is staffed with veterans and military family members who understand the problems unique to military life. They are knowledgeable about military benefits and resources, so they can provide information and referrals, as needed.

Call Vets4Warriors, toll free, at 1-855-838-8255. Reach a Vets4Warriors counselor at Info@Vets4Warriors.com or in an

online chat at www.vets4warriors.com/Contact.htm. Information is always be kept confidential.

•**The Military Crisis Line**
Active, Reserve or National Guard service members in crisis or service members who are in need of urgent help can call “The Military Crisis Line,” a confidential support line that’s accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year.

The Military Crisis Line is free to all service members, including members of the National Guard, Reserve and veterans – even if veterans are not registered with Veterans Affairs (VA) or enrolled in VA health care. Hundreds of men and women in the military call every day and get the support that they need.

Qualified responders from the VA staff the Military Crisis Line, many of whom have

served in the military. They understand what service members have been through and the challenges members of the military and their loved ones face.

Some service members are coping with stress, anxiety or post-traumatic stress disorder. Some are faced with challenges in civilian life and others with difficulties in their relationships or transitioning back to employment or education.

A Military Crisis Line responder can provide support any time of the day. Call, toll free, 1-800-273-8255, and press 1. Visit www.veteranscrisisline.net.

(Note: ASAP is part of the Directorate of Human Resources, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii.)



Six 2nd SBCT Soldiers graduate from a SHARP course, Feb. 3, on Schofield Barracks. Pictured are (in front row, from left) Staff Sgt. Carmen Ortiz, Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Harrison and Staff Sgt. Frank Nautu. Also, pictured are (in back row, from left) Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Sollano, Staff Sgt. Andrew Wiley, Staff Sgt. David Riojas, Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Foster and SHARP instructor James Patterson.

Warrior Brigade fully supports its SHARP campaign

Story and photo by
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Public Affairs
25th Infantry Division

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Sexual harassment/sexual assault is a problem that is not only haunting our nation, but our Army as well.

So, how do we stop it?
Throughout the entire Army, units have been taking a proactive approach by training leaders about the problem and educating them on how to properly deal with and assist victims who has been involved in situations.

Six Soldiers from the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, recently completed 80 hours of the Army’s Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Course, Feb. 3.

“I wanted to become a victim advocate, so Soldiers know that there is someone always there for them,” said Staff Carmen Ortiz, a native of Houston, Texas. “I know when I was a younger Soldier, I wasn’t very fond of the SHARP program. I was one of the ones who didn’t want to believe in it. But, as a leader, you must under-

stand the program and understand the situations our military and our world are facing on a regular basis. Soldiers look at their leaders for guidance, and if they see I’m not taking something seriously, then they will not either.”

According to Ortiz, a unit supply specialist assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 14th Inf. Regiment, 2nd SBCT, the Army has done an outstanding job providing victims with different resources to assist with the growing concern.

“There are so many agencies out there for the victim,” she said. “If a victim doesn’t feel comfortable in telling their SHARP/VA or sexual assault response coordinator about certain situations, then they can go to the special victims counselors or a health care provider and file a complaint. I will be happy as long as they get the help they need; that’s all I want for them.”

During the training, the advocates were educated on how to properly take and file complaints and how to properly ensure all the victims’ needs are met when they are facing such trying times.



“By taking this course, I learned the actual difference between sexual harassment and sexual assault – from the different forms that pertain to each situation to the different ways a person can actually report each crime,” said Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Harrison, from Douglas, Georgia, a unit supply specialist assigned to HHC, 225th Bde. Support Bn.

While U.S. Army-Hawaii’s “Don’t be a bystander-Take a STAND!” campaign is still in the beginning stages, these six individuals are standing up to say enough is enough.

“By going through this training, it has allowed me to look at everything from a different point of view and see what is and (is) not acceptable – from joke telling to just looking at someone for an extended amount of time,” said Ortiz. “If we, as leaders, don’t stop and make an on-the-spot correction, then we just set a new standard, and that pertains to SHARP, as well. ... I believe it starts with us leaders to take a stand, and our Soldiers will follow our lead.”

During PCS, lost or damaged OCIE requires a claim

Claims must be filed within 75 days

CHRISTY B. ROGERS
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Picture this, a Soldier moves cross-country, secures new housing and is ready to receive household goods from the carrier.

The carrier arrives to deliver the items, and while unpacking, the Soldier notices several boxes of Organization Clothing and Individual Equipment (called OCIE, formerly known as TA-50) are damaged.

The Soldier may rationalize that the Army owns the OCIE, and it’s not his or her responsibility to notify the carrier of the missing items, but that’s not the case.

While it’s true the Army owns the OCIE, the Soldier retains a possessory interest. The Army gives the Soldier custody of the items, which is sufficient to make the Soldier the proper claimant for damage to or loss of OCIE.

The Army may also pursue recovery with the

carrier, but the Soldier will have firsthand knowledge of missing or damaged gear and, therefore, is the proper claimant.

The Soldier has 75 days from the date of delivery to provide notice of the lost or damaged items to the carrier, and two years to file a claim with the carrier for Full Replacement Value. (The Soldier also has two years from the date of shipment to file a government claim for depreciated value.)

In the meantime, the Soldier’s receiving unit will conduct a Financial Liability Investigation of Property Loss (FLIPL) to determine how the loss happened and if the Soldier was negligent. If the Soldier files a claim with the carrier

and it’s paid, the Soldier is required to turn the money over to the Soldier’s new unit to be relieved of liability in an FLIPL investigation.

If the carrier fails to pay the Soldier, the Army will have the primary interest in recovering from the carrier. In that instance, if the Army recovers, the money will be forwarded directly to the Soldier’s new unit.

The Army cannot recover if the Soldier fails to provide notice to the carrier within 75 days. Sometimes the unit fails to commence the FLIPL within that time period, and, consequently, the Army is unaware of the loss or damage. Ultimately, if

POC & Location

Contact the Schofield Barracks Area Claims office at 655-9279 with any questions or if you would like assistance with your claim. The claims office is located at 278 Aleshire Ave., Schofield Barracks.



Courtesy photo

Soldiers retain a “possessory” interest in their OCIE clothing and equipment.



Traffic Report lists road, construction and noise advisories received by press time from Army and Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) sources.

Visit www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/info/trafficcalendar.htm for the latest Army traffic advisories.

Unless otherwise noted, all phone numbers are area code 808.

13 / Today

Stream & Bridge — There was an extension of the full road closure of Stream Road on Fort Shafter. The road will be closed in both directions, from the intersection of Stream and Loop roads to the intersection of Stream and Kahauiki Stream Bridge.

The primary detour for the Stream Road Closure will be Mokumoa Street. Intermittent, one-hour, full-bridge closures will occur 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., today and on the following dates:

- Feb. 13, 14 and 16.
- March 27.
- April 3.

One-lane closure and intermittent full closures of Kahauiki Stream Bridge continue around the clock through Feb. 28.

Mililani — The right northbound lane of the H-2 Freeway between Ka Uka Boulevard off-ramp and the Mililani Mauka off-ramp will be closed from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. for landscaping.

Makaha — The southbound lane of Farrington Highway between Makau Street and Upena Street will be closed from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. for utility repairs.

17 / Tuesday

AMR — The parking lot in front of the Aliamanu Military Reservation Shoppette, Bldg. 880, and the two gas lanes closest to the building will be closed from Feb. 17-March 9 during repavement. The closures will be 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Shoppette customers may park in the lot in front of the Burger King. The two gas lanes furthest from the building will be closed March 18-26. The contractor will post appropriate safety signs and barriers during parking lot closures.

23 / Monday

Kolekole —There will be a road closure on Kolekole Avenue, Schofield, for tree removal on the west side of the Kolekole/Humphreys intersection from Monday, Feb. 23, to Friday, Feb. 27.

28 / Saturday

Cadet Sheridan Road — The intersection of Kolekole Avenue and Cadet Sheridan Road will be closed to traffic 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, until March 15, for utility work. Saturday and Sunday work will be done, if absolutely necessary, between 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Traffic will be detoured between Cadet Sheridan and Trimble roads, as necessary.

Ongoing

Rice Street — A lane control will be implemented along Rice Street between Herian Place and the Rice Street Bridge/Stream on Fort Shafter. This closure is part of Phase-5 of the underground utility installation in the area. This is ongoing, 7 a.m.-5 p.m., until Feb. 28.



Send announcements for Soldiers and civilian employees to news@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

Today

Transfer of Authority — The State of Hawaii, Department of Defense, has held a Transfer of Authority at the 29th Infantry Brigade Readiness Center in Kalaeloa. The incoming state adjutant general is Brig. Gen. Author “Joe” Logan.

The state adjutant general is a member of the governor’s cabinet and oversees the training and readiness of the Hawaii Army and Air National Guards. He is also the director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (formerly State Civil Defense) and is the State’s Homeland Security adviser.

Service Stars — The Department of Defense now authorizes service stars on the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOT-EM) to represent deployments in support of approved GWOT operations. Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Jessica Wright signed a memo authoriz-

ing the new policy change retroactive to Sept. 11, 2001.

The five GWOT-EM approved operations follow:

- Enduring Freedom (OEF), Sept. 11, 2001-TBD.
- Iraqi Freedom (OIF), March 19, 2003-Aug. 31, 2010.
- Nomad Shadow (ONS), Nov. 5, 2007-TBD.
- New Dawn (OND), Sept. 1, 2010-Dec. 31, 2011.
- Inherent Resolve (OIR), June 15, 2014-TBD.

Review more at <http://prhome.defense.gov/RFM/MPP/OEPM/Functions>.

Best Place to Work — The U.S. Army Audit Agency (USAAA) has once again been named one of the best places to work in the federal government by the Partnership for Public Service.

This is the fifth consecutive year the agency has been officially recognized for placing in the top ranks of the Partnership’s competition.

The agency is headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, but maintains field offices throughout the U.S., Europe and Korea, including the one at Fort Shafter.

H20 — The Clean Water Program needs your input. Comment on the 2014 Storm Water Annual Report and participate in U.S. Army Garri-

son-Hawaii’s Program to improve water quality.

The public comment period runs through today, Feb. 13. Access the plan at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/sustainability/CleanWater.aspx.

21 / Saturday

Mardi Gras on the Lawn — Attend this family friendly block party at Schofield’s General’s Loop, 4:30-6 p.m., Feb. 21. Enjoy music by O.N.E. Nation and Army Music Hawaii.

Castner Outage — A power outage is scheduled, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Feb. 21, to support Schofield Barracks’ Castner Substation renovation project.

In the event you are still experiencing disruption in electrical services after the outage has been completed and power restored, call 656-3272.

DFACs — The Bronco Cafe and Warrior Inn dining facilities will be impacted by base-wide power outages, Feb. 21, March 7 and June 6. Only the Sustainment Bistro K-Quad DFAC will open for these dates.

Visit www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/logistics/services.htm to review DFAC updates.

Users should ‘ditch the snuff for better stuff’

Great American Spit Out day is Thursday, Feb. 19th

QUIT TOBACCO
UCanQuit2.org

The Great American Spit Out is an opportunity for smokeless tobacco users to ban together and quit tobacco for 24 hours.

Feb. 19th, military service members who use smokeless tobacco are encouraged to “Ditch the Snuff for Better Stuff” and start saving their money and health.

Smokeless tobacco is bad for your health. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that approximately 75 percent of all mouth, lip, tongue, throat, nose and larynx cancers are due to smokeless tobacco use. And like cigarette smokers, smokeless tobacco users are at an increased risk for death from heart disease and stroke.

“Smokeless tobacco is not harmless,” said Paul Fitzpatrick, program director for Quit Tobacco–UCanQuit2.org. “In fact, smokeless tobacco contains three to four times more nicotine than cigarettes.”

According to the National Institute of Health, holding an average-size dip in your mouth for 30 minutes gives you as much nicotine as smoking three cigarettes. A two-can-a-week



Photo illustration

Holding an average-size dip in your mouth for 30 minutes gives you as much nicotine as smoking three cigarettes.

snuff dipper gets as much nicotine as a pack and a half-a-day smoker.

Smokeless tobacco is also expensive. A can of dip costs an average of \$3. A two-can-a-week habit costs approximately \$300 per year. A can-a-day habit costs nearly \$1,100 per year.

The best way to reduce the harm to your body and wallet is to quit.

Ditch the Snuff for Better Stuff on Great American Spit Out and go tobacco-free for 24 hours.

Resources

For more information on smokeless tobacco and resources to help smokeless tobacco users quit, visit these sites:

- UCanQuit2.org.
- www.cdc.gov/OralHealth/publications/factsheets/oral_cancer/oc_fact.htm.
- www.nidcr.nih.gov/oralhealth/Topics/SmokelessTobacco/SmokelessTobaccoAGuideforQuitting.htm.



CPX: IDs units’ strengths, talents

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operations, its mission – deploy modular formations worldwide to conduct full spectrum all-hazards response, combat support and combat service support during contingency operations, while simultaneously providing professional first responder and sustainment services throughout U.S. Army-Hawaii – demands a constant state of readiness.

“Without a deployment on the horizon, we still have to get back into the mindset of always being prepared to deploy,” said Lt. Col. Michael P. Crane, the deputy commander, 8th MP Bde.

Crane explained the exercise was a way to test the brigade’s expeditionary capabilities while building teamwork and giving the over 300 troops who participated a shared experience.

“We really could be called upon to support a humanitarian mission,” said Crane. “This gets everybody back to building their technical and tactical skills and being proficient in them.”

While the staff worked on their technical skills through the scenario, Soldiers from the 45th Special Troops Battalion worked on their combat medical skills through several mass casualty drills.

“It’s been great,” said Spc. Stephen D. McQuigg, a mechanic with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 45th STB, about the training. “We get to do stuff we normally don’t get to do while at the motor pool.”

Command Sgt. Maj. Angelia Flournoy, senior enlisted adviser, 8th MP Bde., said she could not be more impressed with her staff and the battalions. Flournoy said the brigade staff has never done anything of this sort before and that for many of the senior leaders, this was their first field experience.

“This is an opportunity for us to establish a baseline of how our staff actually functions in



For the first time in three years, troops from the 8th MPs, 8th TSC, conduct a Command Post Exercise (held Jan. 26-30) at Area X on Schofield Barracks. The brigade’s humanitarian mission in the exercise is based on real-world events for which the brigade must be mission capable.

a field environment at the brigade level,” said Flournoy.

A military police brigade typically wouldn’t have the support of the sustainment battalions in an exercise like this, so having the 45th STB and the 524th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion out here gave us a unique field experience, said Flournoy.

She said, “It’s been a very successful event for everyone out here. It allowed each of the battalion staff sections, as well as the commanders and leaders within the companies, to identify the strengths and talents of the Soldiers that are within their formations.”

Kiowa: Aircraft will go to Arizona, be retired from Army

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“The OH-58 Kiowa Warrior is going to be taken out of the Army inventory,” said Maj. Anthony Freude, commander, B Company, 209th Avn. Support Battalion, and Divestment Operation officer in charge. “What we’re doing here is getting these aircraft ready to get loaded into Air Force aircraft, and they are going to take them to their point of destination. These aircraft are going to go to Arizona.”

Civilian contractors have been a huge part of

the operation on Oahu and were out in force to get the helicopters ready for shipping.

“For the past month and a half, we’ve had a divestment, working directly with the unit itself, 2-6th Cav., taking items off the aircraft that have to go to other flying units,” said Bruce Herd, URS/AECOM site manager, Hawaii. “Today, we’ve been tasked as contractors to come down and do the fold ups and preparation for load-out on C-5s and C-17s.”

The divestment operation entails not only the retirement of the aircraft, but also the closing of

supply and maintenance chains and units. What it will eventually mean for the 25th CAB and 2-6th Cav. is new aircraft.

“The discussion right now is to bring the AH-64 (Apache helicopter),” Freude said. “The talk is on the table that they are going to come here. As to when, they still aren’t ready to decide.”

It will still be a couple of years before any new helicopters come to the Army on Oahu. In the meantime, the 25th CAB says aloha and mahalo for many years of service to the OH-58 Kiowa Warrior.



JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR HICKAM — Kiowa Warrior mechanics Craig Lamadora, Erech Zych and Likelike Avilla fold up the rotor blades on a Kiowa, Feb. 9, in preparation for its being shipped to the mainland.



K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Commission Office, City and County of Honolulu

The crowd gathers to “feed” the lion lisee, a monetary gift tucked into a red envelope, at the 2012 Chinese New Year Parade in Chinatown. Feeding the lion lisee is one way of accumulating blessings and good energy for the new year.

Celebrate Chinatown’s New Year culture

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Staff Writer

HONOLULU — The Chinese (lunar) New Year isn’t until Feb. 19, but the celebration has already begun, here, in Chinatown.

Lion and dragon dancers – one of the most familiar symbols of the Chinese New Year – performed last weekend at the Chinese Cultural Plaza, but the festivities continue into this weekend with more dances, food, a parade and a street festival.

“Chinese New Year is the most important holiday in the Chinese community. The Chinese community will always go out big for Chinese New Year,” said Harlan D.T. Lee, head instructor at Gee Yung Chinese Martial Arts, International Sar Ping Dragon & Lion Dance Sport Association. “In Hong Kong, they take off a whole month to celebrate. Here in Hawaii, the Chinese community is much smaller, but I think we go big.”

Lion and Dragon Dances

Gee Yung is one of more than a dozen lion and dragon dance troupes performing in Chinatown this weekend, and while the spectacle and entertainment is what may draw the crowd, Lee said it also serves a spiritual purpose in Chinese culture.

“The Chinese are auspicious and superstitious people,” he said. “The lion represents a creature that chases away bad omens and welcomes good energy. The lion cleanses the area and clears the way for good energy.”

This is why many businesses in Chinatown have the lion dancers come to their businesses during the Chinese New Year. It serves as a blessing, said Karen Motosue, vice president of the Hawaii Cultural Center, which is based in Chinatown.

When the lions visit the business, she said, business owners “feed” the lions a monetary gift tucked into a lisee (red envelope) and wrapped in lettuce as part of the ceremony to ensure a prosperous year.

The drumming and fireworks that accompany the lion dancers are also part of the cleansing ceremony, with the drums representing the beating of the lion’s heart, Lee said.

“Although (the lion dance) may look like just a costume, it actually takes a lot of training to do,” Lee said. “It’s a full-on cardio to do the movement

with all the jumping, and you have to be able to follow the beat of the drum.”

Similar to the lion dance is the dragon dance. Lee said that the two are often mistaken for each other, but they are actually different. The lion is made up of two dancers working in tandem in the lion costume, while the dragon could be made up of anywhere between 10 and 100 dancers who use poles to make the dragon move.

Symbolically, the difference between the lion and the dragon is a matter of the level of auspiciousness associated with each animal.

The Chinese revered many animals, Lee said, but they revered the dragon the most and considered its blessings the most potent.

“The best way to put it,” he said, “is that the dragon is the emperor, and the lion is the foot soldier.”



K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Commission Office, City and County of Honolulu

Vendors fry up food during the the 2012 Chinese New Year Street Festival.

Food and Family

In addition to the lion and dragon dances, Chinese New Year is centered on family and food, Motosue said.

“Traditionally, this holiday was all about the family ... family togetherness,” she said.

For example, gao (a sticky rice cake also known as Chinese New Year rice cake) represents sticking together and fertility, she explained.

The gao is often wrapped in red paper or garnished with red because that color is considered to be auspicious.

Other common foods eaten during the Chi-

nese New Year include jai (a vegetarian dish also known as monk’s food), gin doi (Chinese doughnut) and jook (rice soup with beef, poultry or seafood).

Tangerines and oranges are also prevalent during this time because of their association with luck and prosperity.

Chinese New Year Events

•From 6-10 p.m., Friday (Feb. 13), Chinatown businesses will welcome lion dancers from various dance troupes, with approximately 100,000 fireworks for the Chinatown Open House sponsored by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

The businesses will “feed” the lions a monetary gift tucked into a lisee (red envelope) and wrapped in lettuce as part of the ceremony to bless the businesses and ensure them a prosperous year.

The Narcissus Queen and her court will also visit the businesses, and there will be food and entertainment at the Chinese Cultural Plaza.

•From 9:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday (Feb. 14), several blocks of Chinatown will be closed to traffic for the Chinese New Year “Night in Chinatown” street festival and parade, sponsored by the Chinatown Merchants Association.

There will be home-cooked food, arts and crafts and live entertainment. The parade begins at 3:30 p.m. on Hotel Street and concludes on River Street. It will feature the Narcissus Queen and her court, kung fu martial artists and a 150-foot dragon dance.

Take a Tour of Chinatown

At 9:30 a.m., Wednesdays and Fridays, the Hawaii Cultural Center hosts walking tours of Chinatown. The walking tours last about two-and-a-half hours and cover various aspects of the district and the history of the immigrant community in Hawaii. It also includes food tasting.

Honolulu’s Chinatown is one of the oldest in the nation and one of the most multicultural Chinatowns, said Karen Motosue, vice president of the Hawaii Cultural Center.

The Hawaii Cultural Center is at 1040 Smith St., between King and Hotel streets. Call 521-2749.



Brent Wong, Gee Yung Martial Arts, International Sar Ping Dragon & Lion Dance Sport Association

(Left) The Gee Yung Chinese Martial Arts, International Sar Ping Dragon & Lion Dance Sport Association perform a dragon dance during the 2014 Chinese New Year celebration at the Honolulu Academy of Arts. (Right) The Gee Yung Chinese Martial Arts, International Sar Ping Dragon & Lion Dance Sport Association perform a 24 seasonal drumming during a past Chinese New Year.



Briefs

Today

EDGE Home School Art Workshops — Teens are invited to the SB Arts & Crafts Center for a fun workshop Feb. 13, 20 & 27; activities are fabric beads and painted “silk” shapes. It’s \$23/child; supplies included. Call 655-9818 for more information and registration.

Workshops are open to CYS registered youth and teens, grades 1-12.

16 / Monday

EFMP — The Exceptional Family Member Program invites patrons to the following:

- Feb. 16, 8 a.m.-noon, whale watching from Star of Honolulu. Meet at Aloha Tower. Cost is \$26.75/adult; one free child (under 11) per adult. Purchase tickets at Leisure Travel Services.
- March 4, 2:30-4:30 p.m., SB bowling.
- March 18, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Ho’oma-luhia Botanical Gardens catch and release fishing.
- April 3, 10 a.m.-noon, FS Easter egg hunt and crafts.

Registration is required at “class calendar” at www.himwr.com. Call 655-4227 or 438-4227.

17 / Tuesday

Mexican Cuisine Lunch Buffet — New Tuesday buffet, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at FS Hale Ikena; features beef tacos w/fixings, chicken fajitas, spanish rice/refried beans, soup and salad for \$10.95. Call 438-1974.

18 / Wednesday

EDGE Home School Adventure-Biking Series — In partnership with Outdoor Recreation, join the SB on-base bike ride, 9:30 a.m., Feb.18, for grades 1-12. Everyone must wear shoes and bring water and sunscreen. Cost is \$20/child.

All ODR bikes are for participants 5’1” and above. You’re welcome to bring your own bike. Call 655-9818.

BOSS — Single Soldiers and geographic bachelors are highly encouraged to attend Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meetings every Wednesday of the month to discuss community service projects and fun upcoming programs. Get involved and make a difference.

- North meetings are held at SB Tropics, at 3 p.m., every 1st and 3rd Wednesday.
- South meetings are held at FS Bowling Center at 10 a.m., every 2nd and 4th Wednesday. Call 655-1130.

community calendar

Send announcements a week prior to publication to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

Today

Great Aloha Run Sports, Health & Fitness Expo — Week-end Blaisdell Exhibition Hall experience, begins Friday, 4 p.m. Features participatory fitness activities and events, live demonstrations, children’s activities, prize giveaways, great food and retail bargains. Active duty military and dependent discount admission is \$2.

Scholarship Deadline — DeCA’s Scholarships for Military Children Program 2015-2016 applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business today, Feb. 13, or shipped via the postal service or other delivery methods. Emails and faxes will not be accepted. Submission information can be accessed at the commissary or at www.militaryscholar.org.

Hawaii Opera Theatre — Performances of Wagner’s “The Flying

GENERAL’S LOOP MUSIC



SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Members of Army Music Hawaii and O.N.E. Nation perform Feb. 21 at Schofield’s General’s Loop for a free, family-friendly Mardi Gras afternoon of music, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Chinese New Year Lanterns — Ring in the Chinese New Year at SB Sgt. Yano Library, 3-4:30 p.m. Make lanterns to brighten your celebration; materials are supplied. For teens, teens and adults. Call 655-8002.

Fairy Story Time — Fairy Moonfire is Mermaid Harmony’s glitterific twin sister and will be flying in to tell stories about fun fairies, forest animals, unicorns and even about the time the goblins stole the fairy queen’s magical ring, 3-4 p.m. at FS Library. This free program is open to all families; call 438-9521.

Baby-Sitting & CPR — Register for SKIES Unlimited free CPR/first aid monthly courses for 12-18 year olds, 4-7 p.m., Feb. 18 & 25. Class participation requires registration by a parent/guardian with Army CYS, Parent Central Services. Register at 656-9818.

21 / Saturday

NOAA Whale Count Adventure — The whales are still here, so don’t miss your opportunity to see

them with Outdoor Recreation. Help NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) count the whales for this year’s migration. Transportation and informational guidance are provided; bring water, snacks and seeing eyes to spot the whales. Ages 10 and up are welcome. Call 655-9046/9045.

27 / Friday

Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet — Enjoy local style food every last Friday of the month, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at SB Kolekole and FS Mulligan’s Bar & Grill. Cost is \$14.95/person. Call Kolekole at 655-4466 or Mulligan’s at 438-1974 for reservations.

Track & Field Registration — Be a part of the new Developmental Army Hawaii Youth Track & Field Team. Registration is open through Feb. 27 to youth born from 1997-2007. Cost is \$40/child.

First-time participants and renewals must sign-up at CYS Services Parent Central Offices. Ask about the multi-child reduction fee.

19 / Thursday

U.S. Army Health Clinic-SB Tours — They’re third Thursday of every month at 2 p.m. Come to the main clinic entrance in the Pharmacy lobby, Bldg. 676; no sign up necessary.

Monthly tours orient patients to their medical home and services. Learn details on who is your primary care manager; in which medical home do you belong; the hours of the lab, X-ray, pharmacy, Acute Care Clinic and more; and where to go to get help.

Call the Customer Service representative at 433-8504. Visit www.facebook.com/USAHCSB.

21 / Saturday

Castner Outage — A power outage is scheduled, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., to support Schofield Barracks’ Castner Substation renovation project.

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Call the Youth Sports office at FS/AMR at 836-1923 or SB/WAAF/HMR at 655-6465.

Leilehua Concert Series — Hawaiian music by Huewa begins at 6 p.m. at The Grill at Leilehua Golf Course; free and open to the public. Food and drinks available for purchase. Call 655-1711.

Ongoing

Blind Date with a Book — Take a chance. Try something new. Fall in love. It doesn’t matter if you’re a swinging single or a committed lovebird. We want you to date – a book!

During the month of February, stop by the SB library to check out one of our specially wrapped books. There will be some descriptive words on the wrapper to peak your interest, but otherwise, it will be sight unseen.

When you return the book, you’ll be able to rate your date and enter a prize drawing for a Navatek Sunset Cruise for two. Call 655-8002 (SB) or 438-9521 (FS).

Schofield Barracks

Health Clinic Closure — Closed due to power outage, Feb. 21. Normal operations resume Sunday, Feb. 22. This closure will affect the entire facility including Acute Care Clinic, pharmacy, radiology and laboratory. For all medical emergencies, call 911. Call 433-8500.

22 / Sunday

African-American Film Festival — The Honolulu Museum of Art hosts through Feb. 22 at HMA’s Doris Duke Theatre and will screen contemporary films that explore cultural and social issues. Visit www.honolulumuseum.org.

26 / Thursday

Black History Month — The 205th Military Intelligence Battalion, 500th MI Brigade, hosts an Observation Orienteering and Trivia PT event, 6:30-8 a.m., Feb. 26, at FS Palm Circle, to celebrate Black History Month. Registration begins at 6 a.m.

U.S. Army-Pacific Soldiers, civilians and family members are invited to participate. Teams of 10 must negotiate a route to five different stations. Teams will learn about significant contributions of key African-Americans over the past century and will conduct an exercise.

worship Services

Additional religious services, children’s programs, educational services and contact information can be found at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil. (Click on “Religious Support Office” under the “Directorates and Support Staff” menu.)

- AMR: Aliamanu Chapel
- FD: Fort DeRussy Chapel
- HMR: Helemano Chapel
- MPC: Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- PH: Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor
- SC: Soldiers’ Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center Chapel
- WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel

Buddhist Services

- First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD
- Fourth Sunday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex

Catholic Mass

- Thursday, 9 a.m. at AMR
- Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC, WAAF
- Sunday services:
 - 8:30 a.m. at AMR
 - 10:30 a.m. at MPC Annex
 - 11 a.m. at TAMC
- Monday-Friday, 11:45 a.m. at Soldiers’ Chapel and 12 p.m., TAMC

Gospel Worship

- Sunday, noon. at MPC
- Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

Islamic Prayers and Study

- Friday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex
- Friday, 2:30 p.m., TAMC
- Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.; 6, 7 and 8 p.m. at MPC Annex

Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)

- Friday, 7:30 p.m. at PH

Pagan (Wicca)

- Friday, 7 p.m. at Wheeler Annex

Protestant Worship

- Sunday Services
 - 9 a.m. at MPC
 - 9 a.m., at FD, TAMC chapel
 - 10 a.m. at HMR
 - 10:30 a.m. at AMR
 - 11:30 a.m. at WAAF (Spanish language)
 - 11 a.m. at SC (Contemporary)
- Liturgical (Lutheran/Anglican)**
- Sunday, 10 a.m. at WAAF



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(R)
Fri., Feb. 13, 7 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 19, 7 p.m.



Into the Woods

(PG)
Sat., Feb. 14, 2 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 15, 2 p.m.



Woman in Black 2: Angel of Death

(PG-13)
Sat., Feb. 14, 6 p.m.

No shows on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

Calendar abbreviations

8th TSC: 8th Theater Sustainment Command
25th ID: 25th Infantry Division
ACS: Army Community Service
AFAP: Army Family Action Plan
AFTB: Army Family Team Building
AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation

ASYMCA: Armed Services YMCA
BCT: Brigade Combat Team
BSB: Brigade Support Battalion
Co.: Company
CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services
EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program
FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare and

Recreation
FRG: Family Readiness Group
FS: Fort Shafter
HMR: Helemano Military Reservation
IPC: Island Palm Communities
PFC: Physical Fitness Center
SB: Schofield Barracks

SKIES: Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills
TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center
USAG-HI: U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii
USARPAC: U.S. Army-Pacific
WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield

Hui ‘O Na Wahine hosts colorful, fun Beaux Arts Ball

KATHERINE COLLINS
Hui ‘O Na Wahine

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The greatest show, here, took place Saturday when the Hui ‘O Na Wahine All Ranks Spouses Club hosted it’s Beaux Arts Ball at the Nehelani.

The Hui’s annual event is designed to promote friendship and fun in the community.

The board chose to create a circus-themed masquerade ball this year, complete with mid-way games and the O.N.E. Nation Army show band.

All spouses and guests who attended the ball formed teams with their own themes and costumes.

Community service a key element

Hui attendees donated \$4,000 worth of items to the Chaplain’s Pantry for needy military families, including baby food, formula, wipes, diapers and a basket of baby clothes and booties. There were also nonperishable foods and canned goods for the whole family.

“We have a good time, but we are here to serve the community,” said Kathy Fox, community outreach chair.

Last year, the Hui donated almost \$100,000 to various nonprofit and community service groups. The Hui also awarded \$10,000 in merit-based scholarships to military dependents. This level of generosity is only possible through



Dede Cornish, Hui ‘O Na Wahine

Breakfast at Tiffany’s won Best Performance at the Hui ‘O Na Wahine Beaux Arts Ball. Pictured are Traci LaRosa, Ipek Rudd, Dede Cornish, Raquel Malocha, Jennifer Guarino, Michelle Todson, Carlie Lawes, Priscilla Rojas, Rosie Gonzales and Anna Hatke.

community support of the Hui Thrift Shop.

Evening of entertainment

“A few of our teams, this year, were ‘Alice in Wonderland,’ ‘The Lego Movie’ and Valentine’s Day,” said Hui President Shawna Hall.

“Everyone in attendance was thoroughly entertained by the show. It was clear a lot of planning and preparation went into this year’s skits.”

Army Music Hawaii’s high-energy party band, O.N.E. Nation, rocked the house for the

More Online

See photos and videos at www.schofieldspousesclub.com and at <https://www.facebook.com/HuiONaWahineThriftShop>.

Prospective members can contact Membership Chair Natalia Bryan at huionawahinemembership@gmail.com or visit the Hui’s website at www.schofieldspousesclub.com to apply.

Beaux Arts Ball Winners

Best Table, Girl Scouts Go Camping
Best Costumes, Disney Divas of Darkness
Most Generous, Bridesmaids
Best Performance, Breakfast at Tiffany’s
Most Spirited Overall, Grease (Fort Shafter Spouses Club)

ball’s social hour. O.N.E. Nation will be performing on General’s Loop, Saturday, Feb. 21st.

“If there was anything you would want to go to, after church, of course, this would be it,” said Chaplain (Maj.) Denise Hagler. “You will enjoy the Hui.”

USAG-HI MilitaryChildCare.com sessions are Feb. 18 & 19

DIRECTORATE OF FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE AND RECREATION
U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — Are you searching for military child care?

Have you wondered where child care is available? Is there a waiting list? How to place your child’s name on the waiting list? Wondered how long is the wait for child care placement?

Well, with MilitaryChildCare.com the answers are at your fingertips.

DOD initiative

The Department of Defense’s MilitaryChildCare.com site provides families a single online gateway to access military-operated child care throughout Hawaii. The site allows families to conduct searches for child care, submit requests for care and manage their requests for care at any time and from any location.

Also, the system will provide an anticipated placement time.

Eligible patrons include active duty military personnel, DOD civilian employees, Army reserve military personnel on active or inactive duty training, combat-related warriors, surviving spouses of military members who died from a combat-related incident, those acting in loco parentis for the dependent child of an otherwise eligible patron, eligible employees of DOD contractors, and other authorized users on a space-available basis.

When creating an account, the user is required to acknowledge that they are eligible for DOD child care services. Eligibility will be verified after an offer is accepted and prior to officially enrolling in the program.

Launch underway

MilitaryChildCare.com launched Feb. 12. Families may now begin creating household

accounts and searching for child care.

MilitaryChildCare.com may be accessed through any computer. Common access cards are not required. The site may be explored from your home, office or another computer.

MilitaryChildCare.com streamlines the search for and request for child care under one system. It enhances and streamlines communication with email notifications to manage your request at one or more sites, periodically confirms your continued need for care or cancels your request.

Families at U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii who are currently on the waitlists will automatically be transitioned to the new Web-based system. Families will retain the original date of their request(s) for care, and all program enrollment processes for care.

Parents will receive a welcome email and prompts, every 30 days, to confirm their continued need for care.

The next step is to visit www.MilitaryChildCare.com to learn more information. To assist parents, contact Parent Central Services for a quick reference sheet for site navigation.

Upcoming Information Sessions

Parent information sessions will be held to provide information and answer questions about the new system. Upcoming sessions follows:

- Feb. 18, 6-8 p.m.**, Schofield School-Age Center, Bldg. 1782.
- Feb. 19, 6-8 p.m.**, Fort Shafter School-Age Center, Bldg. 351.

Also, visit the Community Readiness Expo, every Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Schofield Nehelani for a demonstration of the website.

Contact Parent Central Services at 655-5314 for more details.

A veteran offers 5 steps to romantic spontaneity

This Valentine’s Day, I’ll be up at zero-dark-thirty to drive my husband to the airport for another overseas military work trip.

As long as the minivan doors aren’t frozen shut, I’ll load my shivering body into the driver’s seat, clutching my coffee in one hand and the frigid steering wheel in the other.

I’ll back over the sooty snow chunks in our driveway, and we’ll drive ... silently listening to news radio along the way.

How’s that for romance?

Not to worry. We’ll make plans to celebrate when he gets back, just like we have for all the other holidays, birthdays and special events my husband wasn’t home for during his 26 years in the Navy. It’s something we “senior military spouses” are accustomed to by now.

Truth be told, life is so hectic. We have three teenagers ... enough said.

I’m kind of glad to have a little extra time to prepare for a makeup Valentine’s date when my husband returns.

In the early days of our marriage, romance required no special planning. Everything seemed inherently romantic back then: sharing a mediocre egg roll at the mall food court, canoodling while in line at the DMV, taking turns gargling at our shared bathroom sink. We were in that goofy-in-love-stage, when the world was seen through rose-colored glasses and ordinary occurrences, such as misshapen pancakes, and interpreted as serendipity: “Oh, Honey, look! It’s shaped like a heart! Don’t eat it; let’s save it.” (Smooch. Smooch.)

However, when you’ve been married for more than 20 years, like we have, romance might need a little coaxing. Like a couple of old gas grills, our easy-start buttons broke some time ago, so if we want to get cooking, we need a plan to ignite the flame.

Here’s my plan:

♥ **Make reservations.** Gone are the days when we could show up for a romantic dinner without reservations and stare into each other’s eyes while waiting for 45 minutes at the crowded bar. Nowadays, the hostess better seat us quick, and put in a rush order of chowder while she’s at it, before my husband gets “hangry” or I start to yawn.

♥♥ **Don’t just talk about the kids.** When we were



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mundane details, such as the status of the leaky dishwasher, the latest college bill and how far we have to drive for the next away game.

Steering the conversation in a more amorous direction requires considerable effort, but it’s worth it ...

even if our dreams for our future now involve post-retirement walks on the beach, wearing wrap-around sunglasses and pants pulled up to our armpits, while carrying metal detectors.

♥♥♥ **Don’t fall asleep on the couch.** In the old days, we wandered around after Valentine’s dinners, arm in arm, stopping to admire urban landscapes or bucolic scenery. But as middle-aged parents, we head home as soon as the waitress boxes up the leftover chicken piccata and resist all urges to

young, Valentine’s Day dinner conversation was dominated by quixotic plans for a perfect life of adventure, a white-picket

fence and an ever-deepening love. But two decades into marriage, we find ourselves chatting about



Making reservations offers one way to avoid awkwardness.

“wind down in front of the TV for just a bit,” because the odds for intimacy decrease considerably after you fall asleep on the couch with your mouth open.

♥♥♥♥♥ **Brush, floss and gargle.** When we were young, passion was a given. But now, if we are able to muster a bit of affection in the midst of stretch marks and male-pattern balding, we wouldn’t want to let something like personal hygiene kill the mood.

“Honey, I love you and all, but you’ve got a fleck of pepper between your teeth, and I’m getting the aroma of clams casino.”

♥♥♥♥♥ **Keep it real.** Don’t obsess over recreating the passion of your youth. Instead, think of what you and your spouse have shared over the years – the dreams, the milestones, the joys, the hardships, the moves, the deployments and the real-life experiences. What could be more romantic than knowing you’re with someone dedicated to lifetime

companionship, right?

Plan your Valentine’s Day strategy and the romance will happen ... spontaneously.

(For more, visit www.themeatandpotatoesoflife.com.)

Psychologist says ‘all you need is love’

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Beatles sang, “All you need is love.”

Is that really the case?

When we celebrate Valentine’s Day, we show our love and affection in cards, candies, flowers, teddy bears, jewelry and other gifts. Kids take cards to their classmates, and couples find those special treats and words for their soul mates.



Courtesy photo

The highest form of love is unconditional love. This Valentine’s Day, strive for a love that keeps its sizzle, forges friendship and lasts through commitment.

Types of Love

There are three kinds of love: erotic love, friendship love and committed love that makes a commitment to be there for a spouse through the ups and downs of life, “till death do they part.”

What kind of love have you experienced?

Many of us have experienced that first blush of chemistry when the attraction sizzles, and we see the object of our attention as awesome and amazingly attractive.

The old saying that “love is blind” may have come from this last-described stage of love, the initial physical attraction. It is also called lust and hooking up.

Next is the level of friendship love. People who have fun together, laugh at themselves, show kindness and concern for each other, and share common interests connect with each other in friendship. Friends explore their histories, wants and needs, hopes and dreams. They can spend hours talking and listening to each other and just being in each other’s presence.

Military friendships are often especially strong because of sharing intense experiences together. These friendships often last a lifetime.

We are not meant to do life alone. Friendships keep us grounded and offer support and encouragement through life’s changes and challenges.

The highest form of love is unconditional love. We see this in the love of parents for their children and of spouses for each other. This is the kind of love that says, “I’m in this for the long haul.”

This is also the kind of love that doesn’t cut and run when the family faces hardship or loss. This love stands up against evil and is willing to give up one’s life to save another. This is sacrificial love in that it’s not all about me; it is not self-centered.

It is also the love that gets up with a sick child when it would feel better to stay asleep. It is the kind of love that hugs a spouse even when they are being “unlovely.”

It is the kind of love that forgives and offers “do-overs” when mistakes are made and doesn’t hold grudges. It’s the kind of love that seeks to demonstrate respect, compassion, responsibility ... even if one doesn’t particularly feel like it at the moment.

Unconditional love is not feeling or chemistry-based; it is commitment-based love. It can distinguish between the ideal and the real and doesn’t demand or manipulate, but offers acceptance. It supports, encourages and nourishes the other in such a way that that person can reach their full potential.

So, maybe the Beatles were right after all. All we need is love. How about some of each kind of love?

How about a relationship that keeps its sizzle, forges a strong friendship and lasts a lifetime through unselfish commitment?

(Note: Judy Rocap is a clinical psychologist at the Schofield Barracks Child and Family Behavior Health Services.)